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11 October 1948

7771st Berlin Document Center, Office of Military Government for Germany (US), APO 742

Date Visited: 30 August 1948

NAZI PARTY FILES

1. The holdings of the Document Center now consist primarily of Nazi Party personnel files such as the NSDAP Master Membership File, SS Officer Records, and the Application for Party Membership collections.

2. These files are employed in answering queries made by Military Government and other agencies for information about the German people, especially in denazification proceedings. Some 20,000 requests are received every month by the Center from such agencies as Counter Intelligence Corps, Information Control Branch, and Public Safety Branch.

3. The activity of this Center can be expected to decrease in the future, especially after the denazification program is concluded.

MINISTERIAL DOCUMENTS

4. The files of the former German governmental ministries have been withdrawn from the Document Center in Berlin. These collections have largely either been forwarded to interested Military Government agencies or pulped.

5. Twenty-eight tons of ministerial documents were shipped via air from Berlin in August this year to the new document center at Darmstadt in accordance with the document evacuation plan (see Appendix 1). Most of this shipment will be kept in temporary dead storage and distributed later in accordance with the general distribution plan laid down by the Committee on Disposition of Nazi Documents and Related Materials.

COMMITTEE ON DISPOSITION OF NAZI DOCUMENTS AND RELATED MATERIALS

6. In August 1947 a committee was set up by the Director of Intelligence, OMGUS to consider disposition of the documents held by the 7771st Berlin Document Center. This committee was called the Committee on Disposition of Nazi Documents and Related Materials. It was composed of representatives from the Advisor on Denazification, 7771st Document Center, Control Office, Denazification Branch of the IA&C Division, Information Control Division, Legal Division, Office Director Intelligence, OMGUS Political Affairs Division, PW&DP Division, Reference Library, and Restitution Branch of the Property Division.

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7. In a series of twenty-five meetings extending almost a year, this committee considered in detail the disposition of different document collections held by the Document Center. Its final report was published on 1 July this year. This final report plus the attached catalog gives in detail the individual collection name, number, weight, and the recommendation of the committee for its disposition. Unfortunately, a copy of the work of this committee cannot be attached to this report due to the limited number of copies available.

RECOMMENDATIONS

8. Our recommendation, insofar as the disposition recommendations of this committee are concerned, is made strictly from an intelligence viewpoint. This agency has no interest or concern in the disposition of documents not of intelligence interest except from a negative viewpoint in that information and documents should be denied to areas east of the American and British occupation zones unless these documents can be used for bargaining purposes or must be returned under some prior international agreement.

9. Recommendations of the committee to transfer documents of probable intelligence interest to authorized agencies are acceptable, providing these documents remain available for loan to this agency.

10. With the above reservations, this party gives concurrence to the dispositions made by the committee.

Encl:

Shipment of documents from 7771st Document Center

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OFFICE OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT FOR GERMANY (U.S.)
Office of the Director of Intelligence
APO 742

DI 321-12 (EX)

30 June 1948
Berlin, Germany

SUBJECT: Shipment of Documents from 7771st Document Center

TO : Intelligence Division
Headquarters, European Command
APO 403, U.S. Army

Attn: Col. R. Schow, Deputy Director

General Walsh has requested that this office coordinate with Colonel Schow as to the time and place of shipment of the following documents from the 7771st Berlin Document Center:

	<u>Approx. Wt.</u>
*Food and Agriculture	7.5 tons
Ministry of Transportation	1.2 "
NS Teachers Organization	6.0 "
Main Office of Communal Politics	1.8 "
Main Office for Technic	1.5 "
Central Heating Plant	2.0 "
*NS Engineers	1.0 "
*Re-immigration files	1.0 "
Public Health and Welfare	1.5 "
Ministry of the Interior	3.0 "
Ministry of Economics	1.5 "
	<u>28.0</u>

Those items denoted by an asterisk are live files which are currently referred to for operational purposes; all others may be placed in dead storage.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE:

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